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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20543

November 5, 2004

Jeff MacKinnon, Treasurer  
Texas Freedom Fund  
104 East Hume Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301

**Response Due Date:**  
**December 6, 2004**

Identification Number: C00340661

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/04-9/30/04)

Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Amended July Quarterly Report (4/1/04-6/30/04), received 8/28/04. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-The totals listed on Lines 21(b), 21(c) and 23, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

-Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

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If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule A of your report discloses an apparent loan repayment totaling \$4,800.00 from "Redbone Sport Fishing Charters," which appears to be a corporation(s). 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have received a prohibited contribution(s), you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer-out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses a loan repayment on Schedule A from "Redbone Sport Finishing Charters", which has not been recorded on Schedule C. Loans and loan repayments received must be reflected on Schedule C as well as on Schedule A. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)(E) and (5)(D)

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1135.

Sincerely,  


Maureen Benitz  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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## Excessive Contribution(s) to a Candidate

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
DeMint for Senate (SC)	5/25/04	\$5,000.00	2004 General Contribution	July Quarterly
DeMint for Senate (SC)	9/28/04	\$3,000.00	2004 General Contribution	October Quarterly

Porter for Congress (NV-03)	6/28/04	\$500.00	2004 General Contribution	July Quarterly
Porter for Congress (NV-03)	6/28/04	\$4,500.00	2004 General Contribution	July Quarterly
Porter for Congress (NV-03)	9/28/04	\$2,500.00	2004 General Contribution	October Quarterly

